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Polynesian Types As Seen In Travel.

OBSERVATIONS OF BAINBRIDGE, M. A.

Some of the Traditional and Lin-
guistic Ties That Bind All
Polynesians.

I find in my genealogical researches re-
garding the Polynesian races that the
Maoris, Tongans, Tahitians, Samoans and
Hawaiians can without difficulty be
proved one and the same family. My
researches carries us back unerringly to
a period of probably 1,000 years ago,
which may be considered as fairly re-
mote in two ancestral lines as thus:

Maori—Tol, Whatonga, Raura.
Samoa—Ta, Atonga, Rauru.
Maori (the people who are supposed
to have inhabited New Zealand before
the Maoris)—Tol, Hatonga, Raura.

Here we have absolute agreement in
the order and names of these ancestors
of the Maori and Samoans. The varia-
tion in "orthography" is due to the pe-
culiar dialect which the latter have no
doubt contracted by closer contact with
their barbarous-speaking neighbors of
the West. By tracing these lines down
to the present day it will be found that



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they severally give a mean of about forty
generations, some more, others again
less. Assuming twenty-five years to fair-
ly represent a generation, we have here
a period in Polynesian history of 1,000
years ago, which absolutely accords
with that of their kindred of Samoa,
while that of the Maori, whose isolation
from New Zealand was as complete
as that of the Samoan, also give the
names in the same order if not so fully:
Rarotongan, Moemetta, Moetiti.
Tahitian—Moetara, Moetiti.
Maori—Mouriuri, Moetiti.
Finally, if we choose to review a pe-
riod which is at the least twenty genera-
tions, or about 500 years earlier, 1,500
years ago, we may do so thus:
Hawaiian—Laka, Wahleloa, Aloha.
Maori—Rata, Wahlelo, Aroha.
Samoa—....., Taofia.
With a variation in orthography only,
we at this remote period find perfect
harmony in the genealogical tables of
these people, who for hundreds of years
have been separated by that vast surface
of heaving waters. Polynesian history
is built up in the lives and works of in-
dividuals who have succeeded each other
in their generations; individual names are
frequently derived from some circum-
stance connected with the birth or life
of the possessor, and finally important
principles are oftentimes associated in a
name. Vast though the subject be and
wide the interval of space and of time,
unfettered by cataclysmal disasters and
terrestrial changes, the mind of the na-
tive prophet, or adept, of less than 100

years ago could grasp with clearness the
principles of creation which has been
laid down as a legacy from his fore-
fathers; he could explain the evolution
and involution of a germ, how it was
affected by its surrounding elements, and
what those elements consisted of; he
could describe the contents of the uni-
verse, recite how the stars were sown
throughout space, their order and class,
and the forces which keep them suspend-
ed and circling in their respective
spheres; he could point to the four parts
of the "Grille of the Sky" and tell us
that even these points participated in the
unceasing motion visible elsewhere; he
would state that far beyond the "column
of the sky" or milky way, new worlds
were ever being created and that Ue-
hua—Sirius is recorded to have rushed in
brilliance through the dark opening near
the Southern Cross on the way to its
present position in the sky. He would
assert that all material and visible phe-
nomena was hastening onward to its
final equilibrium; that as a man was
born of his mother, the earth, so he re-
turns again to her. The Maori prophet
will tell that his progenitors had origi-
nally belonged to a large country, the
borders of which almost extended to
New Zealand; that the principal part of
that country was suddenly submerged
by subterranean forces, and that a large
proportion of the people of his race per-
ished, and at the same time historical
buildings containing the records of the
history and all other treasures were lost.
The origin of the Polynesian race is
wrapped in mystery. Having no histori-
cal records, their whole knowledge of the
past being confined to oral traditions,
and being a wandering race, they know

little about themselves and less about
their origin. Our ethnologists have tried
to trace the history of the Polynesians
by their past wanderings; but they have
ever been a race who trode lightly on
the land with naked feet and their foot-
prints have long been obliterated by the
tramping of nameless invading hosts and
their abiding places have been lost under
fields of battle, volcanic eruptions and
tidal waves. Out of the darkness they
came, an unfortunate, fateful race, driv-
en by a strange destiny from their birth-
place, doomed before time to annihila-
tion, asking not whence they came or
whither they went, or if asking, answer-
ed only by gloomy parable and mystic
sayings. There are some who believe
that the wonderful vigor and physique of
the Polynesians will enable the race to
exist. The Polynesians are the finest and
most interesting native race in the world
without a doubt. They are as bold as
the frontier tribes of India, whom, in-
deed, they much resemble, without be-
ing so sordid. In many customs, words
and legends they resemble the ancient
Peruvians—the inhabitants of West-
ern South America—and yet it appears
that the race once inhabited a mainland
which is believed to be India—inland In-
dia, the plains and foothills of the Hima-
laya, with their borders touching the sea
on the Persian Gulf. Ages must have
passed, whilst the people dwelt in those
parts; they became navigators, crossed
the neighboring seas, acquired many cus-
toms from some race of a Semitic origi-
n, together with some words of their
language. This race was probably
dwelling in Arabia and the shores of the
Persian Gulf. But a time came when the
Aryan race began to make its appear-

ance in India, a race of superior caliber,
and probably more numerous. Before
this intruding race, the ancient Polynes-
ians gradually retreated; but not at once.
There was a period when much inter-
course took place between the two races.
It appears that gradually the Aryan
drove the Polynesian race out of India,
and that the Polynesians, gradually ac-
quiring the art of navigation, pushed
out into unknown seas and made their
way into the Pacific. If all the native
races in the world were paraded in any
country, it is the Polynesians that would
win the most favor for physique, for
character, for history. We can respect
and admire the Polynesians for their
bravery and sterling virtues. We have
fought against them and found them
worthy foes; they have fought with
us and we have proved them loyal com-
rades. Obstinate and self-willed, proud
and superstitious, warlike and poetical,
at one time recklessly brave, at another
time helpless in a panic of fear, royally
liberal today, shamelessly mean to-
morrow, they are withal light-hearted, good-
natured and capital company. They
have been likened to our own savage
forefathers, and in many respects they
have similar characteristics, but where
our race was doggedly persistent the
Polynesian is erratic and uncertain; and
whereas our race proved their capacity
for development and advancement in the
march of civilization, the Polynesian has
been left behind, and in many things
shows that he belongs to a decadent
race. The photo herewith presented of
a handsome, full-blooded Maori girl
shows a great resemblance to the Ha-
waiians, and the kinship is easily detect-

ily, but who in an Anglo-Saxon Congress
as the representative of an Anglo-Saxon
Territory (God save the mark) can be
only a tolerated curio, who can reflect
little credit upon his constituents. The
people of Hawaii should treat him with
respect since he stands as their choice,
however little he may be the choice of
the more responsible of them, but there
is no reason why they should load him
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tives of sister States and Territories who
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WILCOX SIZED UP.

The Hilo Tribune Agrees With Con-
gressman Hill.

Congressman Hill of Connecticut has
brought down upon himself the wrath
of a portion of the Honolulu press by
his statement that Wilcox as Territorial
Delegate was a mere nonentity as a leg-
islative factor at Washington, and that

Haywood was the man consulted by Con-
gressmen whenever they wished infor-
mation or advice from a Hawaiian rep-
resentative.

We know nothing of Congressman
Hill except what the news items of Ho-
nolulu dailies have informed us. There
is nothing improbable in his estimation
of Wilcox's influence at Washington.
That element of the Honolulu press
which since election has seen fit to be-
come the Delegate's most ardent sup-
porter should refer to its more honest

and more truthful estimate of him ex-
pressed prior to election.

No one with any grain or common
sense can possibly suppose that Wilcox
is a representative of any value or force
in Congress, or that he is really qualified
to give even accurate and intelligible
information upon matters Hawaiian. His
ignorance of the English language would
preclude that, even if his actual knowl-
edge did not. Wilcox was the choice of
the majority of the voters of this Terri-
tory, such as they were—certainly an ex-

ception to that proverb of many excep-
tions that "The voice of the people is
the voice of God"—and as such a choice
we certainly pray that he may accom-
plish no harm, and even have the pre-
sumption to hope that he may, accident-
ally, do some little good. But Wilcox
elected is after all the same man as Wil-
cox unelected, an adventurer, a revolu-
tionist, a hater of the haole and all his
works, a shrewd manipulator of his own
people, upon whose ignorant guilelessness
his no less ignorant guile works might-